(b) the number of persons who have been benefited by the scheme and the details of the benefits availed of by them; and

(c) whether this scheme is being broadened to include persons of all IQ levels?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) The Jeevan Aadhar Plan administered by Life Insurance Corporation of India, launched on 17-01-1996, is specially designed to make provision for the maintenance of disabled dependents. An individual can take an assurance on his/her life to provide for payment of lump sum and an annuity to the disabled dependent including mentally Retarted persons of I.Q. less than 50. The payment benefit is made to the nominee who may either be the disabled dependent or any other person or Trust. The claim amount is to be utilised for the benefit of the disabled dependent. The premium paid under this plan is eligible for rebate under Section 80 DD of Income Tax Act, 1961.

(b) About 7745 policies have been sold under the Plan Upto March 2002. Rs. 51.61 lakhs has been claimed against 52 death claims.

(c) No, Sir.

HIV Test Before Marriage

†*436. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA :
SHRI MOTILAL VORA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Jammu and Kashmir High Court has stated that HIV test is necesary before marriage; and

(b) if so, Government reaction in this regard and by when the required legislation is likely to be brought?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Impact of US-Iraq war on Indian Export-Import

*437. DR. ABRAR AHMED :
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the impact of US-Iraq war on Indian export-import market?

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : As the US-Iraq war began towards the end of March 2003, it is not expected that there would be any significant impact on Indias exports/ imports for the financial year, 2002-2003. However, if the period of uncertainty continues, India's exports as well as imports are likely to be affected due to effect on oil prices, shipping, hike in freight charges, increase in insurance costs etc.

Dues of Workers in PSUs

*438. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lakhs of workers in the Central Public Sector undertakings, especially of HCL Ltd., and Cement Corporation of India have not received their salaries, Bonus, EPF and other arrear dues for a long time;

(b) if so, total amount of arrear dues of workers, PSU-wise;

(c) what are the recommendations of the Committee set up for the purpose; and

(d) whether Government have any action plan to clear all arrears of workers, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) to (d) As per the available information, as on 30-6-2002 there were 66 enterprises inclusive of Hindustan Cables Ltd. and Cement Corporation of India which have pending dues to the extent of Rs. 2082.23 crore on account of salaries, wages and statutory dues. Enterprise-wise details are enclosed as statement. (*see* below) Government have been assisting some PSUs with interim financial support for liquidating employees related liabilities. A Group of Ministers constituted to recommend ways and means to liquidate the outstandings has not submitted its final recommendations. However, the administrative Ministries have been advised to assess and indicate expeditiously the budgetary support required by the PSU, to clear the outstandings after taking the stock of the financial position of the enterprises, which can liquidate the outstanding statutory dues out of their own resourses, or by disposal of non-performing assests.